

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 11, line 21, please replace

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with

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Please delete the abstract and replace with the following:

--A scheme for using a virtual UNI (user network interface) to allow standards-based signaling protocols (e.g., Q.2931) to be used to manage the addition and deletion of AAL2 channel identifiers (CIDs) associated with sub-multiplexed AAL2 common part sub-layer cells is described herein. An ATM node is configured to dynamically establish ATM adaptation layer 2 (AAL2) channel identifiers (CIDs) on a call-by-call basis using standards-based call control signaling protocols mapping CIDs to a virtual path/virtual channel (VP/VC) within an ATM standard call control protocol--